

SPRINGHILL CHURCH - SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Loving people into a relationship with Christ

Date, Place/Time: February 22, 2017, at the Bozeman Site, at 6:30 PM

- **Session Meeting opened with Prayer and Scripture reading by Elder Merlin Nelson.**
- **Session Members Present:** Elders Dan Hertel (Moderator Pro Tem), Merlin Nelson, Clint Croft, John Grossenbacher, Leslie Garner, Julia Hardaway, Karen Cargill, Lynn Owens, Rick Ramler, Joe Nelson, Ginny Richards.
- **Session Members Absent:** Lead Pastor Sam Knight
- **Staff Members Present:** Dean Hampton (Legacy Site Pastor) and Ryan Cook (Family Ministry Pastor)
- **Visitor(s) Present:** Fred Neth (Elder Elect)
- **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes from the called Session Meeting on January 18th were approved as changed.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Letter regarding Andrew Brunson

Reports presented:

- Dashboard metrics for last month
- Finance Team Report
- Clerks Report
- Leadership Report
- Equipping Report
- Missional Report**Prayer for wisdom was given prior to discussion of Missional Pastor Candidate**
- Worship Report
- Family Ministry Report
- Barnabas base Camp Report
- Leadership Team Report

Proposal 1: Finance team recommends the elimination of balance sheet items for “Deacon Fund” and “Women's Retreat” and moving them to the general fund for accounting purposes. After a short discussion the Motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 2: Motion was made, then seconded to accept Children's director position description as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposal 3: Motion was made, then seconded to approve “Inactive” and “Removals” on membership rolls with the understanding that assignment of Disciples will be made at the next business meeting on March 22. The motion passed unanimously

Financial Report Summary: (Fiscal Operations Budget with Mortgage Payment)

	<u>January Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Total Income:	\$203,005	\$741,445	\$1,172,741
Total Expenses:	\$ 76,616	\$514,002	\$1,107,742
Net Operating Income:	\$126,387	\$227,442	\$ 64,998
Mortgage (Principal):	\$ 9,457	\$ 50,493	\$ 50,493
Net Cash Flow:	\$116,929	\$176,949	\$ 14,505

Note: Mortgage Interest included in Total Expenses

Month End Mortgage Balance: \$1,934,495.22

- **What should we report to the congregation from this Session meeting?**

Session agreed to communicate the following three items:

1. Andrew Brunson, an EPC Teaching Elder serving in Turkey, and his wife Norine, were arrested on October 7 by Turkish authorities. They have been held without access to the American Embassy or legal counsel. On October 19, Andrew was transferred to a prison and faces criminal charges for allegedly conducting activities that constitute a national security risk. On the same day, Norine was released and all charges against her were dropped. However she, nor anyone else, is being permitted to see him.
 - Please pray that Andrew's relationship with God will be even more radiant in imprisonment than it has been in freedom.
 - Please pray for safety and welfare in prison, and that false charges against him will be dropped.
 - Pray that the Church in Turkey will be refined and strengthened rather than disheartened.

Additionally, there is an effort underway to get the White House involved, but it requires 100,000 signatures by March 8 in order to be considered by the President. Currently, they have fewer than 15,000 signatures.

Please consider signing the petition at <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/forgotten-american-turkey> and sharing it with as many family and friends as possible as we need the entire body of Christ to come together to help our brother in Christ.

2. New Deacons and Elders were approved during the February 12 Congregational Meeting.

The new Deacons are:

- Keith Anderson
- Jim Bader
- Henry Glenn
- Jeff Kaufman
- Marsha Montgomery
- Helen Naffziger
- Wendy Sonnenberg (elected to another term)
- Doug Stewart

The new Elders are:

- Don Lucia
- Fred Neth
- Julia Hardaway (elected to another term)
- Merlin Nelson (elected to another term)
- Rick Ramler (elected to another term)

3. The newly elected officers will participate in a training later this month with the goal of having an Ordination/Installation before our next Session Business Meeting on March 22.

Special thanks to the following Elder and Deacons for their dedicated service to the Lord through Springhill Church after having completed their terms.

- John Grossenbacher
- Kevin Erickson
- Bruce Hoffman
- Karla Hoffman
- Michele Stinnett
- Becky Hurlburt
- Don Lucia
- Chuck Noble
- Sue Noble

The next meeting of the Elders will be March 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Bozeman site.

- **Executive Session:** Session entered executive session. Ryan Cook Recused himself for executive session.

Proposal 3: Upon exiting executive session: The motion was made and seconded to approve the housing allowance's as presented for Sam Knight and Ryan Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Meeting Closed with Prayer:** Session the Meeting was closed with prayer by Dan Hertel.
- **Next Meeting Dates:**

- Prayer & Vision Meeting on March 8th, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Bozeman Site.
- Business Meeting on March 22nd, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Bozeman Site.

Respectively Submitted by:

Attested By:

Clint Croft, Clerk

Sam Knight, Moderator